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AS PDE4 INHIBITORS**

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Response and Amendment; and
- (3) Appendix A.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

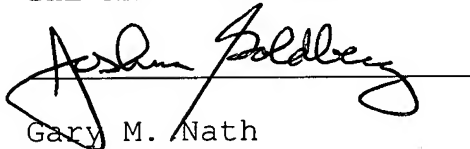
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated April 2, 2008. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on July 2, 2008. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 17-18 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein as outlined in Appendix A, attached herewith.

**REMARKS**

After entry of the above amendment, claims 1-13 and 15 will